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[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment — Temporary - Finance - Department — Special Officer - for Contingencies and Staff to Scrutinise contigent expenditure Employment Sanctioned.

Public (Service) Department.

Establishment--Temporary--Finance Department--Special Officer for Contingencies and staff to scrutinise Contingent expenditure and suggest Cuts in such expenditure--Employment--sanctioned.

ORDER G.O. Ms. No. 1938, Dated 10.8.'48.

The Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee, at its meeting held on the 17th February 1948, considered the question of economies in Contingent expenditure and recommended a general reduction of 20% in certain items of Contingent expenditure such as office expenses, miscellaneous, etc., In respect of other items, such as petty construction and repairs, etc., the Committee, recommended that the attention of the Heads of Departments might be drawn to the necessity for restricting expenditure under those items as far as possible. The recommendations are given in the annexure to this Order.

2. The Government considered the recommendations of the Committee and decided that a special Officer should be appointed to scrutinise the various items of Contingent expenditure and to suggest Cuts that may be made in such expenditure, and he should submit a report in 3 months to the Government.

3. His Excellency the Governor of Madras accordingly sanctions the employment in the Finance Department of the following staff for a period of three months from the date of appointment for the purpose mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

1. Special Officer in the Scale of Rs. 400-75/2-700.
2. Upper Division Clerk,
3. Steno-Typist, and
4. Peons.

4. The Steno-Typist will be eligible for special pay for shorthand according to qualification subject to the conditions laid down in G.O. No. 347, Finance, dated 16th May 1947.

5. The expenditure will be debited to the relevant sub-heads under "25 General Administration--Secretariat and Head-quarters Establishment-j Civil Secretariats - B. Finance Secretariat-Voted".

6. The post of Special Officer sanctioned in Paragrapn 3 above will be a temporary addition to Class IX - Assistant Secretaries to Government in the Madras General Service.

To the Finance Department,
" the Accountant-General through Finance,
" the C.C.B.

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ANNEXURE.

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"(a) Petty Construction and repairs, (b) Service Postage and Telegram charges, (c) Purchase and repairs of furniture, including apparatus and materials and stores, (d) Electric current and telephone charges, Rent, Rates and Taxes and (f) Office expenses and miscellaneous, books and periodicals, pay of menials, dhoby charges, cooly charges etc., are all included under "Other charges". Capital expenditure, on construction of buildings as in the case of Industries, Cinchona and Fisheries Departments and purchase of machinery and other assets as in the case of certain Departments, like Industries Departments and purchase of motor carrs for Hon'ble Ministers under 'General Administration' are all shown along with other contingent expenditure. All expenditure resulting in the acquisition of assets such as those given above ought to be shown separately distinct from ordinary expenditure like repairs, etc., to have a correct idea of the contingent expenditure incurred in each Department or Office. Original works and repairs to be shown separately.

In the case of items (a) to (e) above, the increase is explained as being due mainly to the higher cost of materials and labour and increase in taxes, which cannot be controlled. However there is a large increase in expenditure under these items in certain Departments. The attention of the Heads of Departments may be drawn to the necessity for restricting expenditure under these items as far as possible.

(f) OFFICE EXPENSES, MISCELLANEOUS ETC: A large part of expenditure are clubbed to ether under contingencies and Petty contingencies such as purchase of motor lorries etc., in the Police Department, menial establishment for price control under Civil Supplies, subsidy for Khadi scheme etc. The expenditure incurred for non-recurring items in the Arthur Hope Polytechnic and other similar expenditure are also included under "Other ~~xixixx expenditure are~~ charges" and contingencies. The Committee is of opinion that all such expenditure should be separated from the contingent expenditure and shown separately under suitable heads. Even after isolating all these special items the Committee considers that these ordinary contingent expenditure that should come under (f) Office expenses-Miscellaneous etc., of a discretionary character such as petty cooly and cart hire, tour expenses etc., have increased very largely. These expendes, being of a discretionary nature are susceptible for reduction according to the needs of the Government and the requirements of the several offices. The Committee would recommend a general reduction of 20% in all such contingent expenditure in all Departments and offices.

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